

SENATE...No. 24.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

LIBRARIAN OF THE STATE LIBRARY.

To the President of the Senate :—

SIR:—In compliance with the provisions of the Act of April 28, 1849, I have the honor to transmit to you, to be laid before the Legislature, my Annual Report on the State Library for the year 1855.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

GEO. S. BOUTWELL, *Librarian.*

STATE LIBRARY, January, 1856.

STATE LIBRARY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives :—

That all the books and maps belonging to this Commonwealth, and now in any of the apartments of the State House, shall be collected, deposited and arranged, in proper cases, in the room in said State House usually called the Land Office. [March 3, 1826.]

There shall be a State Library kept in the State House, for the use of the governor, lieutenant-governor, the council, the senate, the house of representatives, and such officers of the government and other persons as may from time to time be permitted to use the same.

A joint standing committee of six persons shall be annually appointed by the legislature, three from each branch, to be called a Library Committee, who shall superintend the library.

The sum of three hundred dollars, annually, is appropriated to procure for the State Library suitable works of science, literature and the arts, and such maps and charts as may, in the judgment of the library committee, be most useful to said library.—[*Revised Statutes*, chap. 11.]

The Secretary of the Board of Education shall be the Librarian of the State Library, with power to appoint an assistant, who shall also act, when necessary, as clerk of the board.

Said librarian shall report to the legislature, annually, in the month of January, the receipts and expenditures on account of the library, with a list of all books, maps and charts acquired since the last report, specifying those obtained by exchange, donation or purchase, and those, if any, which have been lost or are missing, and make such suggestions in relation to the library as may lead to its improvement.—[April 28, 1849.]

The State Library shall hereafter be under the management and control of three Trustees, who shall be appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, and who shall hold their offices for three years, unless sooner removed; and the said Trustees shall exercise all the powers and perform all the duties, in regard to the said library, as are now exercised and performed by the joint standing committee of the legislature upon the library; and the said trustees shall also have the general supervision and control of the system of international exchanges.—[April 9, 1850.]

TRUSTEES OF THE STATE LIBRARY.

Hon. JOEL GILES, Boston.

GEORGE LIVERMORE, Esq., Cambridge.

NATHANIEL B. SHURTLEFF, Boston.

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATURE FOR 1855.

MESSRS. ROBERT B. HALL,	Plymouth,	} <i>Of the Senate.</i>
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LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Honorable Legislature of Massachusetts:—

The Librarian of the State Library, in pursuance of an Act of April 28, 1849, presents to the Legislature the following as his Annual Report:—

ADDITIONS TO THE STATE LIBRARY IN 1855.

Received by Purchase.

	VOLUMES.
North American Review. Vols. 80, 81. Boston, 1855.	2
American Journal of Science and Arts. Conducted by Professor B. Silliman, B. Silliman, Jr., and James D. Dana, in connection with Professor Asa Gray, of Cambridge, Professor Louis Agassiz, of Cambridge, Dr. Wolcott Gibbs, of New York. 2d Series. Vols. 19, 20. New Haven, 1855.	2
Edinburgh Review. American edition. Vols. 101, 102. New York, 1855.	2
North British Review. American edition. Vols. 22, 23. New York, 1855.	2
Westminster Review. American edition. Vols. 63, 64. New York, 1855.	2
London Quarterly Review. American edition. Vols. 96, 97. New York, 1855.	2
Magazine of Horticulture, Botany, and all the useful discoveries and improvements in Rural Affairs. Vol. 21. 3d Series, vol. 1st. Edited by C. M. Hovey. Boston, 1855.	1

Fruits of America, containing a selection of all the choicest varieties cultivated in the United States. By C. M. Hovey. Vol. 2. No. 8. 4to. Boston. .	1
Encyclopedia Britannica, or Dictionary of Arts, Sciences and General Literature. 8th edition. Vols. 7, 8. 4to. Boston, 1854, 1855.	2
Thirty Years' View; or a History of the Working of the American Government for thirty years. By a Senator of 30 years. Vol. 1. New York, 1854. .	1
Acts and Laws of His Majesty's Province of the Massachusetts Bay, in New England. 1692-1768. Folio. Boston, 1759.	1
Reports of Cases in Equity, argued and determined in the Court of Appeals and Court of Errors of South Carolina. Vol. 3. 1850-1. By J. S. G. Richardson. Columbia, S. C. 1852.	1
Reports of Cases at Law, argued and determined in the Court of Appeals and Court of Errors of South Carolina. Vol. 4. 1850-1. By J. S. G. Richardson. Columbia, S. C. 1851.	1
Reports of Cases decided in the High Court of Chancery in Maryland. John Johnson, Chancellor. Vol. 2. 1847 to 1852. Annapolis, 1852.	1
Maryland Reports, containing Cases adjudged in the Court of Appeals of that State. 1851-2. By A. C. Magruder. Vol. 1. Annapolis, 1852.	1
History of Western Massachusetts; the counties of Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin and Berkshire. By Josiah G. Holland. 2 vols. 12mo. Springfield, 1855. .	2
National Portrait Gallery of distinguished Americans: with Biographical Sketches, in 4 volumes. Philadelphia, 1854.	4
New England Historical and Genealogical Register, for 1855. Vol. 9. Boston, 1855.	1
Complete Pronouncing Gazetteer, or Geographical Dictionary of the World. Containing a notice of the pronounciation of the names of nearly 100,000 places, &c. Edited by J. Thomas and T. Baldwin. Philadelphia, 1855.	1

VOLUMES.

Supplement to Minot's Digest of the Decisions of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts. Edited by George Minot. Boston, 1852.	1
History of Massachusetts. The Colonial Period. By John Stetson Barry. Boston, 1855.	1
The Statutes at large and Treaties of the United States of America. 33d Congress, 1854-5. Edited by George Minot. Boston, 1855.	1
Revised Statutes of Massachusetts, passed Nov. 4, 1835. Boston, 1836.	1
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Received by Exchange through the State Department.

LAWS, JOURNALS, &C., OF THE UNITED STATES.

Journal of the Senate of the United States of America. 1st Session, 33d Congress, 1853-4. 3 copies.	3
Journal of the House of Representatives of the United States. 1st Session, 33d Congress, 1853-4. 3 copies.	3
Journal of the House of Representatives of the United States. 2d Session, 33d Congress, 1854-5. 3 copies.	3
Executive Documents. Maps accompany Message. 1st Session, 33d Congress. 3 copies.	3
Executive Documents printed by order of the House of Representatives. 1st Session, 33d Congress. In 19 volumes. (Vols. 15, 18, of three sets, and Vol. 10 of one set wanting,) 1853-4. 3 copies.	59
Miscellaneous Documents of the Senate of the United States. 1st Session, 33d Congress, 1853-4. 3 copies.	3
Senate Documents. Maps accompanying Message. 1st Session, 33d Congress. 3 copies.	3
Senate Documents, 1st Session, 33d Congress, 1853-4. 13 vols. (10th volume of one set duplicated.) 3 copies.	46
Reports of the Committees of the Senate. 1st Session, 33d Congress, 1853-4. 3 vols. 3 copies.	9

Miscellaneous Documents printed by order of the House of Representatives. 1st Session, 33d Congress, 1853, 1854. 3 copies.	3
Reports of the House of Representatives. 1st Session, 33d Congress. 3 vols. 1853-4. 3 copies.	9
Journal of the Senate. 2d Session, 33d Congress, 1854, 1855. 3 copies.	3
Journal of the House. 2d Session, 33d Congress, 1854, 1855. 3 copies.	3
Report of the Commissioner of Patents for 1854. Arts and Manufactures. Vol. 1. Text; Vol. 2d, Illustrations. Washington, 1855. 2 copies.	4
Debates and Proceedings in the Congress of the United States; with an Appendix, containing important State Papers and Public Documents, and all the laws of a public nature, with a copious Index. From the 13th Congress, 1813, to the 15th Congress, 1819, inclusive. Washington, 1854, 1855. 2 copies.	16
United States Exploring Expedition; during the years 1838-1842, under the command of Charles Wilkes, U. S. Navy. Vol. 16. Botany, Cryptogamia, Filices, including Lycopodiaceæ and Hydropterides. By William D. Brackenridge. With a folio Atlas of 46 Plates. (Atlas not yet received.) 4to. Philadelphia, 1854.	1
Writings of Thomas Jefferson; being his Autobiography, Correspondence, Reports, Messages, Addresses, and other writings, official and private. Published by order of Congress, from the original manuscripts deposited in the Department of State. With explanatory Notes, &c., by the editor, H. A. Washington. 9 vols. Washington, 1853-4.	9
Condition of Banks throughout the Union. Letter from the Secretary of the Treasury transmitting the Annual Report on the condition of the Banks throughout the Union. 2d Session, 33d Congress. H. R. Ex. Doc., No. 82.	1
Smithsonian Contributions to Knowledge. Vol 7. 4to. Washington, 1855.	1

VOLUMES.

Works of Alexander Hamilton ; comprising his Correspondence, and his Political and Official Writings, civil and military, published from the original manuscripts deposited in the Department of State. Edited by John C. Hamilton. Vols. 7. New York, 1850, 1851.

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Laws, Journals, Reports, &c., of the several States and Territories.

MAINE.

Acts and Resolves of the Extra Session of the 32d Legislature of the State of Maine, 1853, and of the 33d Legislature, 1854. Augusta, 1854. 2 copies. 2

Acts and Resolves of the 34th Session of the Legislature, 1855. Augusta, 1855. 2 copies. 2

Reports of Cases in Law and Equity, determined by the Supreme Judicial Court of Maine. By Solomon Heath. Maine Reports, vol. 36. Hallowell, 1855. 1

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Laws of the State of New Hampshire, passed June Session, 1855. Concord, 1855. 3 copies. 3

Reports of Cases argued and determined in the Supreme Court of Judicature of New Hampshire. By William L. Foster. Vols. 4, 5, 6, 7. Concord, 1854, 1855. 4

Journals of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire. June Session, 1854. Concord, 1854. 2

New Hampshire Annual Register, 1855. By G. Parker Lyon. No. 34. Concord. 18mo. 1

RHODE ISLAND.

VOLUMES.

Public Laws of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, from May, 1853, to January, 1855, inclusive. Providence, 1855.	1
Acts and Resolves of the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, passed January Session, 1855.	1
——— May Session, 1855. 2 copies.	2
Acts and Amendments relating to the Public Schools of Rhode Island, with Remarks, Forms, and Decisions. Providence, 1855.	1
Report upon Public Schools and Education in Rhode Island. October, 1854. By E. R. Potter. Providence, 1855. 3 copies.	3
Answer (in Equity) of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, ADS. the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Supreme Court of the United States. December Term, 1855. Folio. Providence, 1855.	1

CONNECTICUT.

Public Acts passed by the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut. May Session, 1855. Hartford, 1855. 3 copies.	3
Journals of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Connecticut. May Session, 1855. Hartford, 1855.	2
Messages, Reports, &c., communicated to the Legislature of Connecticut. May Session, 1855. Hartford, 1855.	1
Statutes of the State of Connecticut, compiled and published by authority of the General Assembly. New Haven, 1854.	1

VERMONT.

Acts and Resolves passed by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont. October Session, 1853. Montpelier, 1853. 2 copies.	2
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NEW YORK.

VOLUMES.

Laws of the State of New York. 78th Session, 1855. Albany, 1855. .3 copies.	3
Journals of the Senate and Assembly of the State of New York. 77th Session. Albany, 1854.	2
Documents of the Senate of the State of New York. 77th Session, 1854. 2 vols. Albany, 1854.	2
Documents of the Assembly of the State of New York. 77th Session, 1854. 6 vols. Albany, 1854.	6
Reports of Cases in Law and Equity in the Supreme Court of the State of New York. By Oliver L. Barbour. Vols. 17, 18, 19. Albany, 1855.	3
Reports of Cases argued and determined in the Court of Appeals of the State of New York, wth Notes, References, and an Index. By Francis Kernan. Vol. 1. Albany, 1855.	1
Reports of Decisions in Criminal Cases made at Term, at Chambers, and in the Courts of Oyer and Terminer of the State of New York. By Amasa J. Parker. Vol. 1. Albany, 1855.	1
Agriculture of New York: comprising an account of the Classification, Composition and Distribution of the Soils and Rocks, and of the Climate and Agricul- tural Productions of the State. By E. Emmons. Vol. 5. 4to. Albany, 1854.	1
Documents relative to the Colonial History of the State of New York; procured in Holland, England and France. By John Romeyn Brodhead, agent. Edited by E. B. O'Callaghan. Vol. 4. 4to. Albany, 1854.	1

NEW JERSEY.

Acts of the 79th Legislature of the State of New Jersey, and 11th under the New Constitution. Trenton, 1855.	1
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PENNSYLVANIA.

VOLUMES.

Laws of the General Assembly of the State of Pennsylvania, 1855. Harrisburg, 1855.	1
Pennsylvania State Reports. Vols. 21, 22. Containing Reports of Cases adjudged by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. By George W. Harris. Vols. 9, 10. Philadelphia, 1854, 1855.	2
Miscellaneous Documents read in the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 1855. Harrisburg, 1855.	1

DELAWARE.

MARYLAND.

Maryland Reports, containing Cases adjudged in the Court of Appeals of that State. By Oliver Miller. Vols. 5, 6. 1853-4. Annapolis, 1854, 1855.	2
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VIRGINIA.

Reports of Cases argued and determined in the Court of Appeals and in the General Court of Virginia. By Benjamin Watkins Leigh. Vols. 10, 11, 12. Richmond, 1841, 1842, 1844.	3
Reports of Cases decided in the Supreme Court of Appeals and in the General Court of Virginia. By Peachy R. Grattan. Vols. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11. Richmond, 1846-1855.	9

NORTH CAROLINA.

Public Laws of the State of North Carolina. Session, 1854-'55. Raleigh, 1855.	1
Digest of Reported Cases determined in the Supreme Court of North Carolina, from 1845 to 1855, inclusive. Two volumes in one. Law and Equity. By Hamilton C. Jones. Raleigh, 1854.	1

SOUTH CAROLINA.

VOLUMES

Acts of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, 1854. With Reports, Resolutions and Journals. Columbia, 1854. 2 copies.	2
Reports of Cases in Equity argued and determined in the Court of Appeals and Court of Errors of South Carolina. Vol. 5. 1852-3. By J. S. G. Richardson. Charleston, 1854.	1
—— Cases at Law. Vol. 7. 1853-4. Charleston, 1854.	1

GEORGIA.

Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia. Biennial Session, 1853-4. Compiled and Notes added. By John Rutherford. Savannah, 1854.	1
Reports of Cases in Law and Equity argued and determined in the Supreme Court of the State of Georgia, 1852-1854. Vols. 11, 12, 13, 14, 15. By Thomas R. R. Cobb. Athens, 1853-1855.	5

ALABAMA.

Reports of Cases argued and determined in the Supreme Court of Alabama, 1854, 1855. By J. W. Shepherd. Vols. 25, 26. Montgomery, 1855.	2
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MISSISSIPPI.

Laws of the State of Mississippi passed at a regular session of the Legislature. Jackson, 1854.	1
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FLORIDA.

Acts and Resolutions of the General Assembly of the State of Florida. 7th Session, 1854-5. Tallahassee, 1855. 3 copies.	3
Journals of the Proceedings of the Senate and House of Representatives of the General Assembly. 7th Session, 1854-5. Tallahassee, 1855. 3 copies of each.	6

VOLUMES.

Reports of Cases argued and adjudged in the Supreme Court of Florida, 1854. By Mariam D. Papy. Vol. 5. No. 2. Tallahassee, 1854.	1
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LOUISIANA.

Reports of Cases argued and determined in the Supreme Court of Louisiana. Vol. 8, 1853. By W. M. Randolph. New Orleans, 1854.	1
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TEXAS.

Reports of Cases argued and determined in the Supreme Court of the State of Texas, 1854. By C. C. and R. K. Hartley. Vol. 12. Galveston, 1855.	1
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ARKANSAS.

MISSOURI.

TENNESSEE.

Reports of Cases argued and determined in the Supreme Court of Tennessee, 1853-4. By John L. T. Sneed. Vol. 1. Nashville, 1855.	1
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KENTUCKY.

Reports of Cases at Common Law and in Equity, decided in the Court of Appeals of Kentucky. By Ben. Munroe. Vol. 14. 1853-4. Frankfort, 1854.	1
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OHIO.

Reports of Cases argued and determined in the Supreme Court of Ohio. By Robert B. Warden. New Series. Vol. 2. Cincinnati, 1854.	1
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ILLINOIS.

Reports of Cases determined in the Supreme Court of the State of Illinois, 1853-4. By E. Peck. Vol. 15. Boston, 1855.	1
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INDIANA.

VOLUMES.

Laws of the State of Indiana. 38th Session of the General Assembly, 1855. Indianapolis, 1855. 2 copies.	2
Reports of Cases argued and determined in the Supreme Court of Judicature of the State of Indiana. By Albert G. Porter. Vol. 4. Indianapolis, 1854. .	1

MICHIGAN.

Reports of Cases argued and determined in the Supreme Court. Vol. 2. By George C. Gibbs. Lansing, 1854.	1
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IOWA.

Acts, Resolutions and Memorials passed at the regular session of the 5th General Assembly of the State of Iowa, 1854-5. Iowa City, 1855. 2 copies.	2
Journals of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Iowa, 1854-5. Iowa City, 1855.	2

WISCONSIN.

Private and Local Acts passed by the Legislature of Wisconsin, in the year 1854. Madison, 1854.	1
Reports of Cases argued and determined in the Supreme Court of the State of Wisconsin, 1853. By Abram D. Smith. Vol. 1. Milwaukie, 1854.	1

CALIFORNIA.

The Statutes of California, passed at the 6th Session of the Legislature, 1855. Sacramento, 1855. 3 copies.	3
Journals of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of California. 5th Session of the Legislature, 1854, Sacramento, 1854. 3 copies.	6
Reports of Cases argued and determined in the Supreme Court of the State of California, 1853. By H. P. Hepburn. Vol. 3. Philadelphia, 1855. 2 copies.	2

MINNESOTA.

NEBRASKA.

KANSAS.

UTAH.

VOLUMES.

Laws, Resolutions and Memorials, passed at the several sessions of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Utah. Great Salt Lake City, 1855.	1
Journal of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Utah. 4th Session, 1854-5. Great Salt Lake City. 1855.	1

NEW MEXICO.

Laws of the Territory of New Mexico, passed by the 5th Legislative Assembly, 1854-5. Santa Fe, 1855.	1
Journal of the Honorable Council of the Territory of New Mexico; 2d Session of the 1st Legislative Assembly, 1851-2, 1852-3. (Duplicates in Spanish.) Santa Fe, 1854. 4 copies.	4
Journal of the House of Representatives of the Territory of New Mexico; 2d Session of the 1st Legislative Assembly, 1852-3. Santa Fe. 2 copies, (one in Spanish.)	2
——— 1st Session of the 2d Legislative Assembly, 1853-4. Santa Fe, 1854. 2 copies, (one in Spanish.)	2
Journal of the Honorable Council of the Territory of New Mexico. 1st Session, 1st Legislative Assembly, 1851.	
——— 2d Session, 3d Legislative Assembly, 1854. Santa Fe, 1855. 2 copies, (one in Spanish.)	4

OREGON.

Journal of the House of Representatives of the Territory of Oregon. 6th Session. Corvallis, 1855.	1
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WASHINGTON.

*Pamphlets received through the State Department, by
Domestic Exchanges.*

PAMPHLETS.

Second Annual Report to the General Assembly of Kentucky, relating to Registry and Returns of births, marriages and deaths, from January 1, 1853, to December 31, 1854. Frankfort, 1854.	1
Annual Report of the State Treasurer of Pennsylvania, on the Finances of the State, 1854. Harrisburg, 1855.	1
Report of the Superintendent of Common Schools of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 1854. Harrisburg, 1855.	1
Twenty-Sixth Annual Report of the Inspectors of the Eastern State Penitentiary of Pennsylvania, 1855. Philadelphia, 1855.	1
Annual Report of the Trustees of the State Library of the State of New York. Albany, 1855.	2
Eighth Annual Report of the Regents of the University of the State of New York, on the condition of the State Cabinet of Natural History, and of the Historical and Antiquarian Collection annexed thereto. Albany, 1855.	1
Sixty-Eighth Annual Report of the Regents of the University of the State of New York, 1855. Albany, 1855.	1
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*Volumes received from Foreign States, by exchange, through
the State Department.*

CANADA.

VOLUMES.

Public Documents and Official Correspondence, illustrative of and supplementary to the History of Lower Canada. By Robert Christie. Vol. 6. Montreal, 1855.	1
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HAWAII.

VOLUMES.

Transactions of the Hawaiian Agricultural Society, at its 4th Annual Meeting, June, 1854. Vol. 2., No. 1. Honolulu, 1854.	1
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By International Exchanges, through Mr. A. Vattemare.

The following is a copy of a communication from M. Vattemare, accompanying a case of books received in February last, not yet opened for want of room even for a temporary accommodation of the volumes:—

List of Works presented to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the name of France and Holland, in conformity with the system of International Exchanges, by Alexander Vattemare, Nov. 27, 1854.

FRANCE.

VOLUMES AND PAMPHLETS.

Journal of the Proceedings of the National Assembly, Session 1848, from May 4, to December. (Continuation.)	6
Proces Verbeaux de la Chambre des pairs. Session 1848. Decembre, 1847, à Fevrier, 1848, (being the last acts of this Legislative Assembly.) (Continuation.)	2
Compte général de l' administration de la Justice Civile et Commerciale, pour 1852. (Continuation.)	1
Compte général de l' administration de la Justice Crim- inelle, pour 1852. (Continuation.)	1
Tableau général du Commerce de la France, pour 1853. (Continuation.)	1
Tableau général des mouvements du Cabotage, pour 1853. (Continuation.)	1
Annales du Commerce extérieur d' Avril à Octobre, 1854. Nos. 756 à 778. (Continuation.)	Nos. 23
Collection de Circulaires et d' Instructions du Ministre de l' Intérieur. 1831 à 1839.	3

VOLUMES AND PAMPHLETS.

Dictionnaire général d'administration. Paris, 1846. .	4
Concordance entre les lois hypothécaires françaises et étrangères, par Anthoine de Joseph. Paris, 1847. .	1
Traité sur le credit foncier, par Josseau. Paris, 1853. .	1
Mécanisme des grands pouvoirs de l'Etat, par Valette. Paris, 1850.	1
Logique Judiciaire, ou Traité des arguments ligaux, par St. Albin. Paris, 1841.	1
Essai critique sur les préjugés revolutionnaires, par E. P. Bordeaux. Paris.	1
Code de l'administration charitable, par A. de Watten-sitte. Paris, 1841.	1
Parti à prendre sur la question des Enfants trouvés, par Curel. Paris, 1845.	1
Réponse à l'écrit intitulé ; du Cour des Enfants trouvés. Bordeaux.	1
Analyse raisonnée des ouvrages sur les Enfants trouvés, par Derbigny. Bordeaux.	1
Recueil de lois municipales, par Emile Renard. Paris, 1852.	1
Les populations ouvrières et les Industries de la France, montrant le mouvement social de la classe ouvrière, an 19 ^{me} siècle, par Andiganne. Paris, 1854. .	2
Bulletin de la Société geologique de France, 10 ^e volume, feuilles 23-40, avec la table ; 11 ^e volume, feuilles 1-40, d'Avril 4, 1853, à Juin 26, 1854. (Continuation.) .	9
Notes agricoles, par C. de Gourey.	1
Promenades agricoles dans la centre de la France, par C. de Gourey. Paris, 1852.	1
Etudes sur les colonies agricoles, en Holland, en Suisse, en Belgique et en France, par de Lurien et Homard. Paris, 1851.	1
L'Ami des hommes, Journal historique et statistique, par Mirabeau. Avignon, 1756.	3
Description du terrain houiller de la France, par Dufrenoy et Eliè de Beaumont. Paris, 1842.	1
Ecole des arts et manufactures. Paris, 1835.	1
Le Concours de Poissy, par Jourdier. Paris, 1853.	1
Cours de géométrie supérieure, par Charles. Paris, 1847. .	1

Essai sur la Construction des Routes, des Canaux, et la legislation des Travaux Publics, par Cardier. Paris, 1828, (avec carte.)	2
Memoire sur les facteurs numeriques, par Joubin. Havre, 1831.	1
Rapport sur les procédés des peinture inventés, par M ^r Hassenot.	1
La vérité sur la Magnétisme et l' Homœopathie, par Dumez. Paris, 1852.	1
Histoire du Chloroforme et de l' Anesthésie en général, par Sevatetten. Metz, 1853.	1
Thèses de Physique et de Chimie, par Jamin. Paris, 1847.	1
Thèse sur la physiologie végétale et animale, par Marot. Paris, 1850.	1
Société protectrice des animaux. Paris, 1854.	1
Compte rendu des operations de l' union amicale de Lyon. 1854.	1
Société amicale des secours mutuels de Metz. 1849-51.	2
Statutes et réglemens de la Société Amicale des secours mutuels de Metz. 1853.	1
Le Calendier moral de la Jennessé. Metz. Paris, 1853.	1
Bibliothèque populaire de l' Instruction; Traité d' lec- ture, par Herpin. Paris, 1853.	2
Bibliothèque populaire de l' Instruction; Traité de l' arpentage, par Herpin. Paris, 1853.	1
Sur l' Enseignement Mutuel, par Herpin. Paris, 1835.	1
Le Portefeuille des Enfans, mélanges d' animaux, fruits, costumes, plans, cartes, définés et gravés sous la direc- tion de M. Cochin, avec des explications et des tables élémentaires, par Duchesnes et Leblond. Commencé en 1783.	1
Lettres à M. Hatton sur l' accusation dérivée contre M. Libri, par Lacroix. Paris, 1849.	1
Almanach de l' Algérie, pour 1852. Paris.	1
Rapport sur l' Algérie en 1853, par le Maréchal Vaillant. 1854. (2 copies.)	2
Lettres sur la Musique, par C. Estienne. Paris, 1854.	1
Revue du Midi. Année 1845.	Nos. 6

VOLUMES AND PAMPHLETS.

Notes sur la Statistique Monumentale du département de la Moselle, par Georges Boulanges. Metz, 1852. .	1
Déscription historique de la Ville de Reims, par Gerard Jacob. Vol. 2. Reims.	1
D'Athènes à Larisse; deux Lettres familières et posthumes d'Tsidore Niment. Metz, 1853.	1
Ascension à l' Etna, par Malherbe. Metz, 1851. .	1
Histoire d' Espagne, depuis le temps le plus reculé jusqu'à la mort de Ferdinand VII., par Rosseau St. Hilaire. Paris, 1848.	6
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Feb. 5,	Express and freight of Books from A. Vattemare,	\$13 00	Jan. 1,	By balance from 1854,	\$17 58
" 16,	Benton's Thirty Years in the United States Senate,	2 50	" 16,	" annual Appropriation,	300 00
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" 16,	Provincial Laws of Massachusetts,	2 00			
" 28,	Express of Books from Virginia, (Law Reports,)	88			
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" 28,	Encyclopedia Britannica, Vols. 6 and 7,	8 80			
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	Maryland Chancery Decisions, Vol. 2,	5 00			
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	Silliman's Journal, 1855,	5 00			
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	Cartage of Books,	25			
Dec. 8,	Barry's History of Massachusetts, Vol. 1,	2 00			
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The expectation was expressed in the last Annual Report that the library would be removed to a new and fire-proof apartment before the expiration of the past year. This expectation has not been realized. The apartment was not completed till the assembling of the present legislature, and has not yet received the furniture and conveniences necessary to its being occupied. It is quite probable that the present arrangements for warming it will prove inadequate, and that different or additional means of producing and distributing heat must be used, before it can be made comfortable during the winter months.* A deficiency, in this respect, is the more to be regretted on account of the dampness created by the iron finishing, and especially by the surrounding walls which are of great thickness, and which, in the process of construction, were saturated with large quantities of water. The dampness arising from this source, as well as from the condensation of the atmosphere, renders it quite desirable that a longer period should elapse before the books are transferred to the alcoves prepared for them. Moreover, such a transfer, with a suitable arrangement and classification of the volumes, would necessarily disturb their present order upon the shelves, and render the existing catalogues comparatively useless. Consequently, during a period of several weeks and perhaps months, before the books could be properly located and numbered, and a new day-catalogue completed, the customary use and consultation of the volumes would be interrupted, if not suspended. For these reasons it is not deemed expedient to attempt a removal of the library till the close of the present session.

The failure to occupy the new library-room as was anticipated, has occasioned and still occasions the inconveniences which have been sufficiently presented in previous reports. The evils arising from the dampness of the present library-room have been much lessened by the important changes recently made in the basement story.

The want of room even for the temporary storage of books has prevented the expenditure of the small annual appropriation for the enlargement of the library. The foregoing account

* Since this Report was presented, the defect here alluded to has been partially if not wholly remedied.

with the trustees shows an unexpended balance of more than half of the annual appropriation, although there is needed an addition of important and expensive works. As the objection to the purchase of books, arising from insufficient room, will undoubtedly cease within the current year, the expediency of a larger annual appropriation for enriching the library is respectfully suggested to the legislature. The large capacity and cost of the new apartment render it eminently fitting, that additions be made to the number of volumes which shall be worthy of the ample accommodations provided and of the Commonwealth.

The system of International Exchanges, conducted by Mr. A. Vattemare, as agent of the Commonwealth at Paris, was terminated by a Resolve of the last session, passed May 18, 1855. Since the passage of the Resolve, and before Mr. Vattemare was advised of it, a case of books was forwarded by him which has been received by the executive of the Commonwealth. His excellency, the governor, has informed Mr. Vattemare of the termination of this system of foreign exchanges, and that he did not feel at liberty to accept, in behalf of the Commonwealth, books transmitted by him in conformity with the system, after the provisions of law authorizing it had ceased, and when it could no longer be continued on terms of reciprocity. Accordingly the case of books thus forwarded is retained only to await the order of Mr. Vattemare respecting its disposal.

By Resolves of April 29, 1854, the trustees and librarian were authorized to employ the clerical assistance necessary for preparing and printing a new catalogue, which will be indispensable as soon as the library is removed. In the last report it was stated that a card-catalogue had been commenced and so far advanced as to embrace about one-third part of the volumes. It was also stated that this was the only form of catalogue that could be kept constantly complete while daily additions were being made. Such a catalogue, properly perfected and continued, will be the source of all the catalogues to be prepared in future. New catalogues can easily be transcribed or printed from it as they may be needed. Persons acquainted with the most approved methods adopted in the largest and best regulated libraries in the United States, and who have proved themselves competent to the work, have been employed during the recess of the legislature. They have transferred

to suitable cards the titles of nearly all the English and American works. The titles of all the works in foreign languages are yet to be transcribed. Until this form of catalogue is completed and the volumes are removed to the new apartment, properly arranged and numbered, no progress can be made in printing a manual for daily use. A removal, new arrangement, and marking of the books, and the preparation of a new printed catalogue will be a work of considerable labor, for which legislative provision has already been made. It will be commenced as soon as practicable after the termination of the present session. As females have thus far been employed to render the additional assistance required, the expense to the Commonwealth has been much less than it has usually paid for clerical service.

The opening of the new apartment to the public will probably occasion a large increase of visitors, and an augmented annual appropriation worthy of the State, for the purchase of books, will increase the labor to be performed.

By a Resolve of April 29, 1854, the librarian and trustees were authorized to direct in respect to "furnishing the apartment for the State Library with suitable alcoves, galleries, and other needed conveniences." In exercising the authority thus conferred, they found embarrassment arising from serious errors in the structure of the room which could not be obviated by any internal arrangements or mode of finishing. They were also unable to approve the plan for completing the apartment which was submitted to them by the commissioners then in office, and they suggested a different plan, as better adapted to the structure and to its uses, in accordance with which its present arrangements were made. Objections to the form of the room and the proposed plan of furnishing it led to some communications from the trustees to the first board of commissioners, a copy of which is preserved in the library. The trustees and librarian are happy to bear testimony to the readiness and courtesy with which their suggestions have been received and carried out by the commissioners.

Respectfully submitted.

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